

FWP COMMISSION AGENDA ITEM COVER SHEET

Meeting Date: December 8, 2011

Agenda Item: 2012 – 2013 Black Bear Hunting Seasons, Quota Ranges and HD Boundaries

Division: Wildlife

Action Needed: Approval of Proposed Rule

Time Needed on Agenda for this Presentation: 10 minutes

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Background

Season structures and hunting district boundaries are adopted biennially for all game species. This happens every other year between December and Final adoptions in February. In proposing regulations to the Commission, FWP proposes existing structure except for specific changes. Proposals are based on population status and/or other circumstances.

For 2012 and 2013 black bear season structures, the most significant proposed changes include removing the spring validation requirement in Region 1 and extending the spring bear season to June 15 in parts of Region 2.

For other proposed changes see Commission Master List for December meeting.

Public Involvement Process & Results

Black bear season comments were received during scoping and included interest in spring season extensions. In addition to public comment at the Dec. 8 Commission meeting, public comment will run thru 5:00 PM Monday, Jan. 23, 2012. Any final adoptions will take place at the Feb. 16, 2012 Commission meeting.

Alternatives and Analysis

Proposals may be adopted as proposed, with adjustment, with additions, with deletions or no change from 2011 (status quo). No change would challenge the supporting justifications behind proposals.

Agency Recommendation & Rationale

Rationale for individual proposals have been included in Commission information packets and may be further articulated at the Dec. 8 Commission meeting.

Proposed Motion: I move the Commission adopt the 2012 and 2013 Black Bear Hunting Seasons and Hunting Districts as proposed by FWP.